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Project Name: **Farmington Road Improvements**  
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Dear Leigh Crabtree,

My name is Elaine Johansen. I own Murray Place Apartments on 4720 SW Murray Blvd, and a single family home on 4880 SW Murray Blvd. Thank you for meeting with me and Dennis Cook, the manager of Murray Place Apartments, a few weeks ago. You were very helpful.

In reviewing the information for the Farmington Road Improvement Project, I have concerns and I have requests for changes to the plan that I would like to make. The safety of our residents and the protection of their vehicles is our main concern.

1. **RETAINING WALL:** We had Reid King from Hal's Construction advise us on the most effective way to maximize the parking lot space along Murray Blvd. A retaining wall next to the sidewalk will support and bank the land to correct the elevation grade and will result in the least encroachment on the parking lot. Since our parking lot will now be much closer to the road, a retaining wall will allow the maximum level, useable space. We will need space for a fence for security, a landscaping strip to replace trees for privacy, and security lighting for the parking lot. It will be necessary that we be involved in the selection process of the retaining wall style, in order to plan for the landscaping and fence installations. The current drawings show a 2 ft. shoulder of sloped land to correct the two elevations. A retaining wall next to the sidewalk is by far a superior choice and very important to maximize use of the parking lot space by having more level space.
2. **NO SIDEWALK ON FARMINGTON ENTERING MURRAY PLACE PARKING LOT:** The drawings currently show a sidewalk entering the Murray Place Apartments parking lot from Farmington Rd. We do not want pedestrians cutting through our parking lot, and we do not want a sidewalk inviting them in.